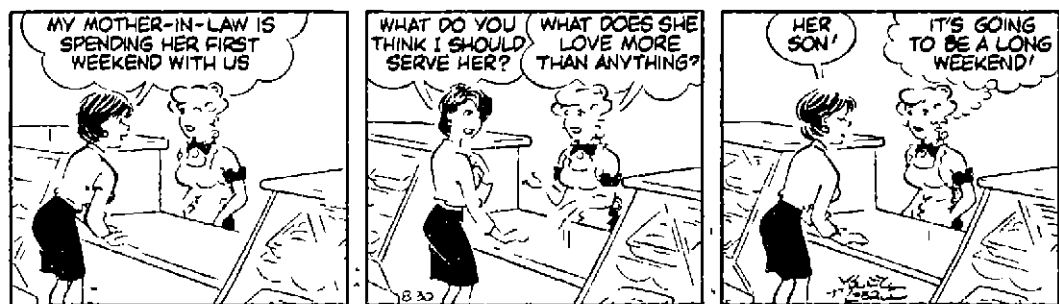


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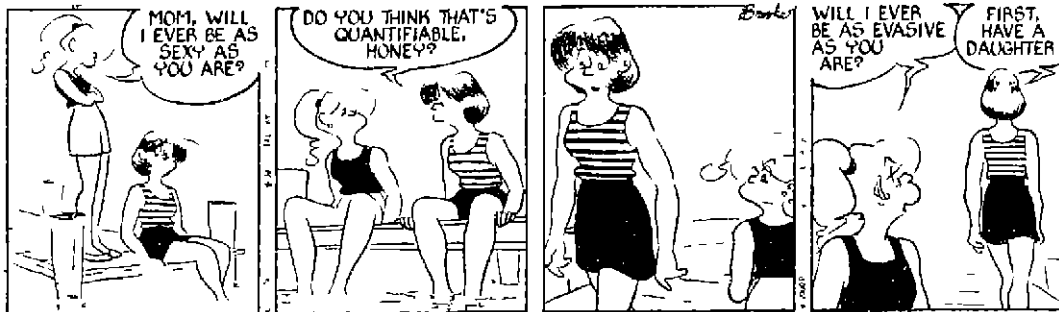
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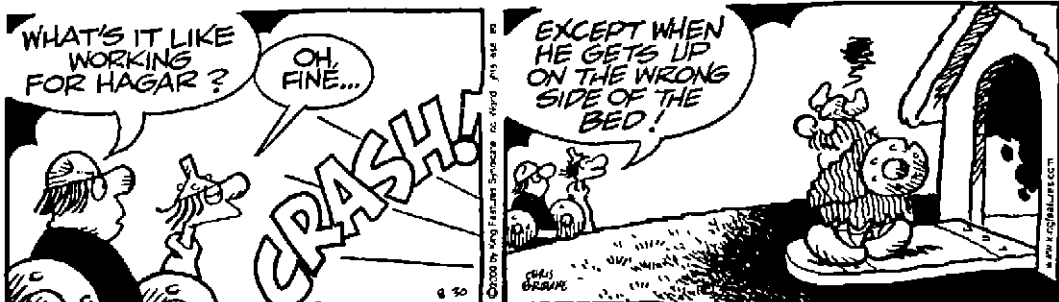
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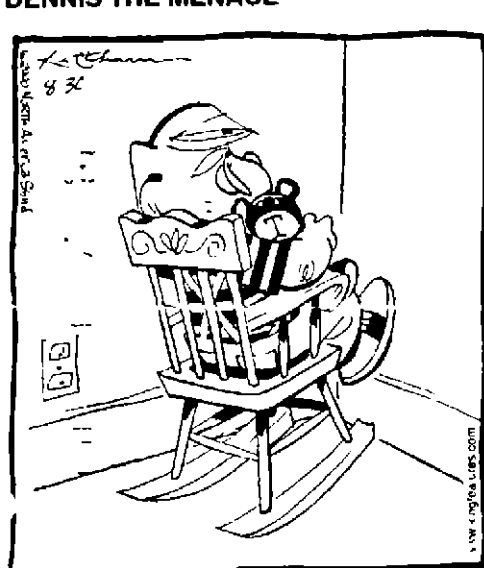
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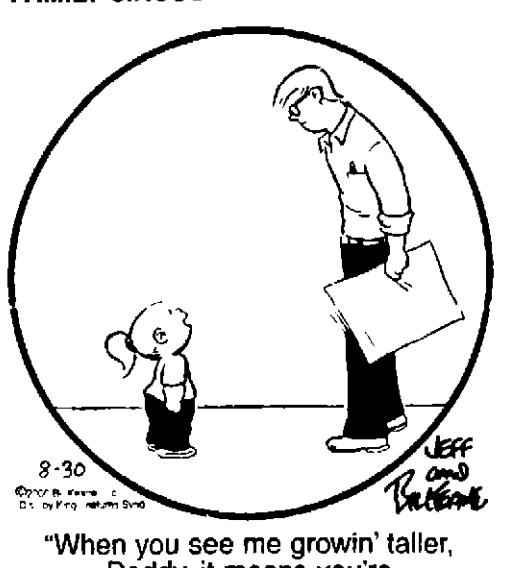
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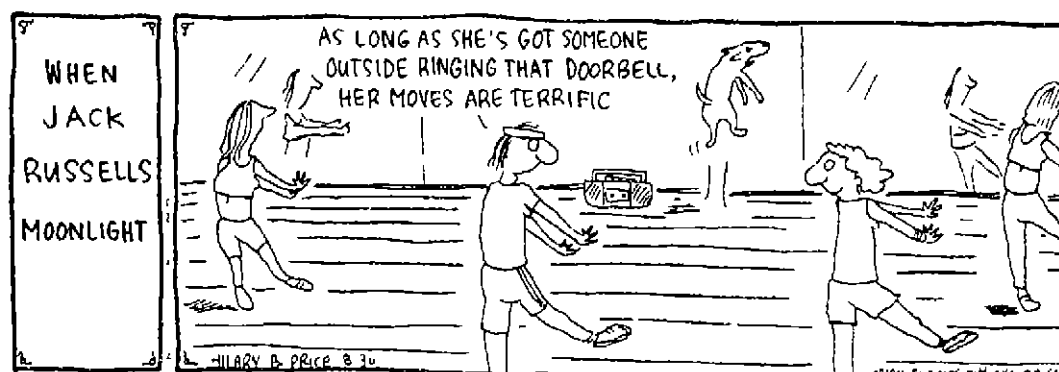
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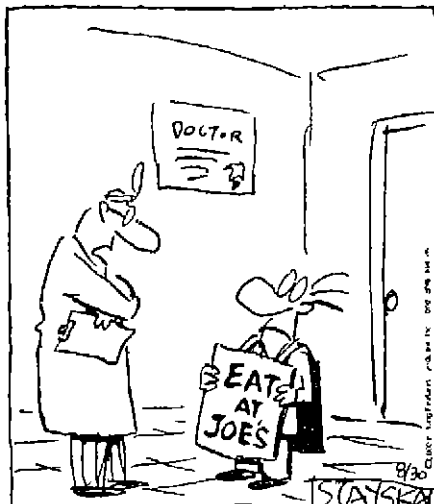
FAMILY CIRCUS



RHYMES WITH ORANGE



RALPH



Today's Birthdays

Baseball Hall of Famer Ted Williams is 82
Country singer Kitty Wells is 81
Opera singer Regina Resnik is 78
Actor Bill Daily is 72
Singer John Phillips is 65
Actress Elizabeth Ashley is 61
Actor Ben Jones is 59
Actress Peggy Lipton is 53
Actor Timothy Bottoms is 49
Actor David Paymer is 46
Actor Michael Chiklis is 37
Actress Michael Michele is 34

I NEED HELP



SCRABBLE

SCRABBLE puzzle grid and solution. The grid is a 10x10 square. The solution is: FARE, ERI, LIT, NEE, LIT, ALE, ALI, LIT, CLE, PLE, BEE, ALE, WLE, DLE, RLE, ZLE, LIT, ALE, WLE, RLE, NLE, ALE, SLE, DLE, ULE. The par score is 125-135 by JUDD. The four rack total is 120. The time limit is 20 minutes. The directions are: Make a 7-letter word from the letters in each of 4 racks. Each rack has 7 letters. The letters are: FARE, ERI, LIT, NEE, LIT, ALE, ALI, LIT, CLE, PLE, BEE, ALE, WLE, DLE, RLE, ZLE, LIT, ALE, WLE, RLE, NLE, ALE, SLE, DLE, ULE. The par score is 125-135 by JUDD. The four rack total is 120. The time limit is 20 minutes. The directions are: Make a 7-letter word from the letters in each of 4 racks. Each rack has 7 letters. The letters are: FARE, ERI, LIT, NEE, LIT, ALE, ALI, LIT, CLE, PLE, BEE, ALE, WLE, DLE, RLE, ZLE, LIT, ALE, WLE, RLE, NLE, ALE, SLE, DLE, ULE.

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WORD SLEUTH

WORD SLEUTH puzzle. The puzzle is a 10x10 square. The solution is: QSPRMJHEBYVTQOL, IGDEBHSULSYWTGR, DPMTKIFADBYWNUT, SEQIOMUKEIFIDS, ZXFRWTDGUGVSUEQ, ONLEUJNHFLDRGVD, CAYMNIWVOTETRS, QPNEKSNVLGLDHEK, IHDNEDESOLCNFSE, CBITZRPGOYWUVEU, SSNOMMOCRHTWORG. The Tuesday's unlisted clue is FUJI. The Wednesday's unlisted clue is HINT A Fund For Brining Officials. The clues are: Closed-end, College, Common, Defense, Go-go, Growth, Hedge, Mutual, Open-end, Reserve, Retirement, Revolving, Sinking, Trust, Under. The copyright is ©2000 King Features, Inc. For solution, see Classified.

HOROSCOPE

For Thursday, Aug. 31
ARIES (March 21 to April 19) If you expect the worst that's probably what you're going to get.
TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) If you are feeling highly unsatisfied with your career situation perhaps it's time you made a dramatic change for the better.
GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Your only problem will be juggling the many social opportunities presented to you.
CANCER (June 21 to July 22) The voice of reason and the whims of your emotions may be on opposing ends of the spectrum.
LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22) Don't let a stranger sweep you away with charming chatter.
VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22) Think carefully before signing any contracts or making any big promises.
LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Your word will only be law so long as others believe in you.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) In a war of emotions you may find the playing field is not quite equal.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) A difficult decision will become much easier when it is shared.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19) If you're having trouble getting motivated, just take small steps until you are feeling back in stride.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18) You will feel like anything is possible, and it's likely to be the case so long as you join forces with others.
PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20) Before signing a legal document make sure to first seek legal advice.

ACES

By Bobby Wolff
The secrets to accurate defense lie in evaluating bidding to visualize declarer's holdings, and then taking your best shot to defeat the contract. Each issue of the Aces Bridge Monthly covers basic defensive principles. For a free sample, send a first-class stamp to Box 26236 Sunrise, FL 33320. Today's deal from the March issue provides an instructive example. The alert West who listens to South's bidding will form a good picture of South's hand. His jump to three clubs over North's one no-trump-response promises a very strong black-suited hand. After South corrects to four spades over North's three no-trump, West infers that South has a long spade suit and an unwillingness to play in no-trump. So far the bidding has no effect on West's defense. Leads a normal heart king and continues the suit, surprised to find that he has won all three of his top hearts. South has at least six excellent spades and losers in the minors. The only reasonable chance to score another trick is to hope that partner can produce the trump 10. Accordingly, West leads his last heart. East to ruff with his highest trump, and the trump 10 does the job. South must overruff, and when the trump jack doesn't drop, he must suffer a one-trick set.

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